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SEWAGE SPILL IN ESCONDIDO ***IMPACT TO LAKE HODGES BEING INVESTIGATED***

An estimated 4,500 gallon sewer spill occurred on Monday evening, January 9th on the 2600 block of South Escondido Boulevard in Escondido. The spill, which was caused by a power failure at a sewer pump station, started at 8:00 PM and ended at 9:30 PM when City of Escondido crews re-started the pump station and recovered 500 gallons. The remaining 4,000 gallons flowed into a storm drain which flows to a creek and ultimately into Lake Hodges. The affected creek flows through Kit Carson Park. Signs warning of sewage contamination are being posted at access points to the creek within the park. City of Escondido crews are attempting to recover the spill from the creek and are investigating the impact of the spill to Lake Hodges. The State Department of Health Services, Office of Drinking Water has been notified of the spill.

For more information on the spill, please call the City of Escondido at 760-839-4323.

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